

J. Payne Collier.

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your note
and note - the one to me, the other to
my book.

Unfortunately the information,
short or long, has come too late, for
Mr Nichols tells me that the sheet
has been worked off.

This will oblige me to do
what I did not intend, to add a few
notes at the end, but they shall be as
few as possible. However it will
give me an opportunity, or a better
opportunity of availing myself of the

hints & knowledge of my friends. Therefore "contributions will be thankfully received."

I have been so horribly and dispiritingly busy for the last three or four days that I have been able to do nothing I liked. This scrawl to you is the first exception.

Yours most sincerely

J P Collier

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I will send you a copy of my ^{new} tract about Shakespeare as soon as it is ready; but there has been a trifling but unavoidable delay.

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